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JOINT DECLARATION

Europe is facing major energy challenges and it will need contributions from all of the stakeholders if it is to succeed, as acknowledged in the European Commission's Strategic Energy Technology (SET) plan. The gas industry is clearly a serious contributor to the European Energy vision and Eurogas, the European Union of the natural gas industry and GERG the European Gas Research Group insist that natural gas, as the most environmentally friendly fossil fuel, can make a major contribution to a sustainable energy market and, by helping to reach Kyoto targets, gas can make a significant contribution to the EU's Green Agenda.

In particular, GERG activities include the large scale introduction of biogas into the existing natural gas system and a possible migration towards the hydrogen economy within the next thirty years.

GERG also encourages and stimulates the development of new gas technologies and applications which support improvements to the sustainable use of gas, including Combined Heat & Power, promotion of natural gas in low energy homes (future homes), safe and efficient industrial processes, natural gas vehicles, heat pumps and new uses of natural gas.



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